To dear Mr. Roosevelt

Trants and Sheldon were such good friends

They wanted him, greatly to know of his death.

An Xerox has been sent of no details

[Prentice, B.]
Please give my kindest regards to the President.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]
Mr. Berson Sheldon Prentice  
609 Park Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Prentice:

It is with deep regret that this Bureau confirms the telegram of 29 March 1945 in which you were informed that your son, Lieutenant Commander Sheldon Ellsworth Prentice, United States Naval Reserve, was killed in action while in the service of his country.

According to the brief report which has been received in this Bureau, your son lost his life on 19 March 1945 as a result of injuries received following an enemy bomb explosion on the ship which he was aboard.

In accordance with the time-honored traditions of the Navy, a funeral service was held aboard ship in the presence of your son's shipmates, and his remains were buried at sea with full military honors.

Sincere sympathy is extended to you in your sorrow. You are assured that if additional details are received regarding your son you will be promptly notified.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel,

Sincerely yours,

W. J. McNicol, Jr.  
Lieutenant, USNR  
Assistant Officer in Charge  
Casualty Notification and  
Processing Section